

# **IOWA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS PRESS RELEASE**

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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took the following action:

**Richard A. Strickler, Jr., D.O.**, a 48 year-old family physician practicing in Winterset, Iowa. The Iowa Board of Medical Examiners issued a disciplinary decision following a recent hearing. The Board found that Dr. Strickler was guilty of professional incompetency in his treatment of three patients who were treated in the emergency room between 1993 and 1998. The Board determined that Dr. Strickler failed to perform a pelvic exam on a young female patient even though such an examination was clearly indicated. Dr. Strickler also documented that a pelvic exam had been performed when it had not been. The Board also concluded that Dr. Strickler made repeated errors in his treatment of two elderly patients who had serious heart problems. Under the terms of the Board's decision, Dr. Strickler was issued a Citation and Warning for failing to provide appropriate medical care to these patients and was ordered to attend a Board-approved comprehensive emergency medicine review course. Dr. Strickler has successfully completed the emergency medicine review course.